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Now the State League giants do battle

# SM-HELLAS COULD BE THE FIRST TEAM TO BEAT GEORGE CROSS FOR SEASON '62

By MORRIE BUCKNER

George Cross, the only undefeated team in the State League, will be battling to keep its slate clean when it meets "dark horse" Sth. Melbourne-

Hellas at Olympic Park on Saturday.

Can Hellas topple the Cross?

Well, here's one answer. There won't be a big margin in it, but impartial analysis indicates that George Cross will still be undefeated on Saturday night!

In the first place, they are an attacking team of players and are not likely to play the negative game, which was Hakoah's mistake in the second half against Hellas last week.

In the second place, George Cross may take a leaf out of Hakoah's book and use a fourth full-back to smother Hellas' danger man, Margaritis.

Hartley did this job for Hakoah. Don Hodgson can do the same for George Cross.

But whereas the loss of Hartley to the defence was one of the reasons for the breakdown in Hakoah's attack, the George Cross front line will still be potent even with Hodgson attending to other duties.

Gibb will be dangerous whether Hellas fields Xanthopoulos or Kourkoulakis as stopper.

And wingers Copeland and Vella, backed up by Cubero, Joey Falzon, and Pat McKenna, should be able to keep regular full-backs Kaligeros and Mantarakas, as well as fourth

full-back Ieremiades, busy enough to see that Gibb gets his opportunities.

At the other end, the speed and experience of Fred Falzon, Eddie Sacco, and Vince Muscat should counteract the fast-moving Tsolakis, Smith and Bedford as well as the quick-thinking Hatzeleftheriou.

Last but not least, Hobson is expected to be between the sticks for George Cross.

● Turn to Page 3 for other State League previews.

## EXPENSIVE INJURY ?

The 12 minutes that Edmund Zintara, the Polish international, played for Polonia two weeks ago could prove very expensive.

In that short time he sustained a bad injury and had to leave the ground.

The Polonia player looks like being out for six or seven weeks and Polonia, who urgently need a replacement for Janzic, last year's skipper, could use an experienced "general" in the half-back line.

## HELLAS IMPORT 2 NEW STARS

Following last week's news of four new players for J.U.S.T., SM-Hellas announce that they are also importing two new stars.

They are Kambourpoulos, from champion club Olympia-Kos and Papoutsakis, a centre-forward from another Greek 1st division club.

Hellas are going great guns at the moment and these two additions should make them a real prospect for top honors this season.



CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! George Cross centre-forward Marshall Gibb (left) had netted a hat-trick at Olympic Park on Sunday. Gibb helped the Cross humble Melbourne 5-1 in an exciting State League match. Here he runs through with the ball of his foot, while Melbourne centre-half Tibby Beci intercepts.

George Cross player Joe Falzon is on the right of the picture. This was one of the many shots Soccer Weekly photographer Uwe Kuessner took at the Park during the weekend.

Any reader interested in copies of these pictures should contact our photographer at 10 Dudley Parade, Canterbury.

## GTV9 SOCCER IS SAFE

Tongues have wagged furiously since last Sunday's soccer segment on GTV9, when what appeared to be some "hot" lines were exchanged by Tony Charlton and Alex Barr on camera.

Viewers felt that the friendly "feud" against Aussie Rules, which Alex Barr had been using to gain notice for soccer, had gone a little too far and that this valuable few minutes might be lost.

Soccer Weekly has been told by GTV9 officials that the "feud" will be killed off to avoid the possibility of accidental repercussions, and that the soccer segment will be retained.

There is little doubt that the resourceful Alex Barr will find other ways of keeping the segment full of interest for viewers.

● See "Pick of the Post" — Page 6.

## SLAVIA'S SCOUT

Mr Albert Balish, a former VASFA Councillor, has been appointed chief talent scout for Slavia Soccer Club.

## GOALS GALORE FOR THE CROSS

By MORRIE BUCKNER

Before last Sunday's George Cross-Melbourne fixture at Olympic Park, Soccer Weekly said:

"Even without Horst Zielinski, who is out with a fractured leg, George Cross has put together one of its best-ever scoring combinations in Lolly Vella, Pepe Cubero, Marshall Gibb, Don Hodgson, and Bill Copeland.

"That line-up is full of experience and goals, the ability to test the toughest defence, and the knack of giving the spectators their full four-bob's worth of entertainment."

This was proven correct on Sunday when, against

Melbourne's rugged and determined defence, George Cross scored five good goals.

They did this in spite of the fact that Pepe Cubero and Joe Falzon received ankle injuries in the first half and could not play flat out for the rest of the game.

And in spite of the fact that sharpshooter Don Hodgson spent more time carrying out the duties of a fourth full-back than a forward.

Star of the match was Marshall Gibb. He not only scored three goals — two smart headers and a clever chip over the head of the advancing goalie — but his shrewd distribution

made many other chances for his teammates.

As usual, Copeland and Vella worked like pack-mules foraging for the ball, putting it where it would do the most damage, and harassing the Melbourne defenders.

Melbourne's only goal was scored in the first half from a penalty kick for "hands", and was converted by Charlie Fekete.

Best for the winners were Davies — it's time the critics climbed off Jim Davies' back — Sacco, Fred Falzon, Gibb, Vella, and Copeland.

For Melbourne: Becsi, Szalai, Garrett, Vadjia, and Kaiser.

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## WHERE WERE THE SCORERS?

Polonia officials and players should not be too disappointed about that disputed goal at Elsternwick Park on Saturday.

In a goalmouth scramble the referee ruled that Juventus' second goal had crossed the line. Polonia players screamed "No!"

Rather than blame this for their loss of points, why not get some forwards who can shoot?

Their display was so lethargic it is doubtful if that equaliser would have appeared round about midnight on Saturday!

# Bigotry must be opposed

By MORRIS BUCKNER

In last week's issue of SOCCER WEEKLY, Don Sutherland penned an item in his column about the stir caused in soccer circles a couple of weeks ago by a foolish bit of slander printed in TRUTH.

TRUTH called soccer "a menace," and stooped to downright misinformation by saying that soccer had grabbed grounds belonging to the Victorian Football Association, and was actually trying to get the Fitzroy Football Club tossed out of its ground.

Don wrote that, in his opinion, we should ignore such attacks. He said that we must expect malicious criticism from people who don't really represent a majority of the fair-minded public.

But if TRUTH, or any other "minority representative," is allowed to get away with malicious, unwarranted attacks, sooner or later they will have behind them a powerful majority of people who have swallowed their dangerous propaganda.

Back in 1957, TRUTH started a vicious smear campaign against soccer. It began when the Hawthorn City Council granted Wilhelmina the use of McDonald Reserve.

In a vitriolic and highly inflammable article, TRUTH charged Wilhelmina with a "blatant land grab." It said that Wilhelmina had "seized" McDonald Reserve. It demanded to know when the Hawthorn City Council was going to "hand back the parkland grabbed from the ratepayers."

TRUTH was not challenged on that occasion. Two weeks later, it reopened its vicious campaign, this time about the little bit of Murphy Reserve leased to Slavia by the Port Melbourne City Council.

Under a screaming headline about a "land grab scandal," TRUTH proudly said that it had "uncovered

another scandalous land grab by a soccer club in cahoots with a municipal council."

This time, I was given permission to act. I wrote an article which contained 11 questions, took it to the editor of TRUTH, and asked him to publish the article, the questions, and his answers to the questions. But TRUTH knew that if it answered the questions truthfully it would be forced to admit the fact that 20-odd football grounds, several racecourses, and a hundred or more bowling and tennis clubs were on Crown lands, the property of the ratepayers!

Soccer - following ratepayers own these football grounds and racecourses just as surely as they are owned by the rest of the ratepaying public.

But without a squeal or a murmur from TRUTH, these hundreds of acres of public parkland are locked securely to keep the public out, except by payment of a fee at the gate on days that a sporting event is in progress.

I have never pretended that this is wrong. In fact, I said then, and I repeat

now, that it's right! These grounds must be developed, protected from vandalism, and maintained for the best use of the public.

So they must be kept closed when not in use, and the public must be charged a small fee at the gate to provide funds for the proper maintenance of the enclosures.

Again I say that this is practical and right. But, if it's right for Aussie Rules, and racing, and cricket, and bowls, and tennis, why in the name of heaven should it be wrong for soccer?

## TOO HOT?

Well, Truth's editor read the Truths and apparently decided that they were too hot to handle. Truth never published them.

BUT FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND RIGHT UP UNTIL A FEW WEEKS AGO, TRUTH NEVER UTTERED A WORD AGAINST SOCCER!

What is more, since Truth was challenged on its last outburst, it has appointed a soccer writer!

Here's another example. Seven years ago, Hakoah

tried to make a deal to share the Camberwell Football Club's ground. On that occasion, a Sporting Globe writer, the late Hec de Lacy, used the front page of the Globe on a Saturday night to publish a malicious slander against soccer and its supporters.

The Globe accepted my challenge against this slander, and was gracious enough to publish several articles during the next 10 days which righted the wrongs in Hec de Lacy's attack.

Since then, no Sporting Globe writer has ever attacked soccer in its pages. The Globe now gives soccer bigger space and better coverage twice a week than any other two Melbourne newspapers put together.

The moral of this story? Simply this.

Whenever we see malicious bigotry published in the Press, whether it's against soccer or any other law-abiding minority in our community, we haven't got any choice other than to fight it.

It must be fought, and stopped, before the unfortunate victim of its propaganda is destroyed!



BURNLEY, defeated F.A. Cup finalists and League runners-up to Ipswich, are something of a marvel lot. The town, situated amid mills, pits and moorland, has a population of under 100,000, but their scant support is offset by the fact that they have bought only two players in the past 12 years.

In 1950 they paid Irish club Glenfortran £7000 for inside-forward McIlroy and eight years later they went back and got full-back Elder from the same club at the bargain price of £2000.

THREE goals by the great Ferenc Puskas was not enough to win the European Cup for Real Madrid. Beneficia, of Portugal, ran out winners 5-3 and thereby won the trophy for the second successive year. Real Madrid have won the European Cup five times in its seven-year existence.

PETER DOCHERTY, the famous Irish international inside-forward who has been managing the Emerald Isle's national team, is to resign the post. He will be succeeded by Bertie Peacock, another international who was formerly with Celtic.

ITALIAN referees are not too happy about the continued importation of outside whistlers from France, Austria and Yugoslavia, who are required to Italy to control "needle matches". They recently issued an ultimatum to the Italian League - "play the game" or we won't referee at all.

CANADA has formed its first professional league, but they aren't too happy about their immediate prospects. Last year Canadian clubs had the temporary services of many British stars (including Stanley Matthews), but for their summer league this year the English Football League say "no dice".

No British players will be permitted to transfer temporarily to Canadian or any other overseas clubs.

-JIM COOK.

## HERE'S HOW TO WIN THE POOLS

Australia is taking its soccer seriously. The standard of play improves with every season and the increase in the number of draws suggests that the authorities who control the game are gradually producing leagues which are much less one-sided.

Indeed, the time is not far off when draws will be forecast with a much greater degree of confidence.

MORE DRAWS  
Our policy for the present must be to concentrate on the leagues which are settling down more quickly than others and are producing more draws.

Last season, the First Division of the NSW Federation matches - an average of about one draw in every five matches, which is just about the average for English football.

The Victoria State League was a close second with 23 draws in 132 matches, but the average for the other divisions was only about one draw in every seven or eight matches.

NEXT BEST  
The best of the other divisions, on last season's results, were Second Division of the NSW Federation, the NSW Association (Division 1), Queensland Division 1 and Sth. Australia Division 2.

The best drawing teams were Blacktown (7 draws) Hakoah NSW, Auburn and University (6 each), Suburban, Bundamba, Sth. Melbourne, Slavia (Vic.)

Blacktown 7 pts, Croatia 6, Melita 5, Spiny 4, 5, Concordia 5, Sutherland 4, Balgownie 4, Corinthians 4, Manly 2, Lidcombe 2, Granville 1, Toongah 1.

# Try this!

Here is an opportunity for you to test your skill at forecasting results of the Victorian Soccer Federation games for next weekend.

Tune to "Soccer Half Hour" on 3KZ at 6.15 p.m. every Saturday for all the official results. Space has been provided here for you to take them down as they are read in the following order:-

## STATE LEAGUE

Hakoah v. Juventus  
George Cross v. S.M.-Hellas  
Slavia v. Melbourne  
Moreland v. J.U.S.T.  
Polonia v. Lions  
Wilhelmina v. Croat

## STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Hakoah v. Juventus  
George Cross v. S.M.-Hellas  
Slavia v. Melbourne  
Moreland v. J.U.S.T.  
Polonia v. Lions  
Wilhelmina v. Croat

## FIRST NORTH

Box Hill v. University  
Collingwood v. Heidelberg  
Florentina v. Macabbi  
Moonce Ponds v. Croatia  
Corio v. Sunshine City  
Alexander v. Sicilia

## FIRST SOUTH

Austria v. Richmond  
Brighton v. Dandenong  
Oakleigh v. Yallourn  
Trident v. Makedonia  
Ferntree Gully v. Sandringham  
Bayswater v. Geelong

## SECOND NORTH

Essendon v. E.C.I.  
N/Olympia v. C'wealth Banks  
Libertas v. Seymour  
St. Albans v. Williamstown  
Bendigo v. Fairfield  
W.W.F. v. Coburg

## SECOND SOUTH

Ringwood v. Croydon  
F.N.D. v. Rosburn  
Moorabbin v. Park Rangers  
Frankston v. South Yarra  
Sunshine Heights v. Essendon  
Prahran v. Triestina

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## SECOND DIVISION RESERVES

Ringwood v. Geelong Scottish  
Azzurri v. Springvale  
Moorabbin v. Park Rangers  
Brunswick v. South Yarra  
Balaarat v. Ajax  
Prahran v. Bell Park

## WORLD RESULTS AND TABLES

Internationals: Sweden 0-3; Crystal Palace London 3, Real Madrid 4.  
Russia 2 (Stockholm); Hungary 1, Budapest (tournament); Antwerpen 1, Bayern Munchen 1; Borog (Hung.) 1, Vienne 0; Anal, Darg 1, Bayern 0.  
0 (Rio).  
Triebe matches: Inter. Milan 0, Bulgaria 0 (Milan); Chile 2, Huracan Buenos Aires 0 (Santiago); Argentina 2, Frencsen Munster 1 (Buenos Aires); AS Roma 2, Bulgaria 1 (Rome).  
Fair Cities Cup semi-final: Red Star Belgrade 0, CF Barcelona 2.  
Friendly matches: Anderlecht 1, Spartak Moscow 2; Copenhagen 2, FC Grenice (Brazil).

HOW THEY STAND  
France: Reims 46, Nimes 45, Racing 42, Monaco 41, Sedan 41, Nancy 40.  
Germany (play-offs for Federal championship): FC Nurnberg 2, Tasmania Berlin 1; Schalke 3, Neunkirchen 2; FC Koln 3, Eintracht 1; Hamburg 6, Pirmasens 3.  
Holland: Feyenoord 48, Eindhoven 43, Blw. Wit 39, Ajax 38, Breda 34, Maastricht 33.  
Italy: AC Milan 35, Inter 46, Fiorentina 46, Bologna 45, AS Roma 44, Atalanta 38.  
Paraguay (cup quarter-finals): Benfica 3, Porto 1; Belenenses 2, Sanjoanense 1; Academica 6, Guimaraes 1.  
Spain: (Cup quarter-finals, in brackets results of first leg): Real Madrid 3, CF Barcelona 1 (0-1); Zaragoza 3, Espanol 1 (1-1); Sevilla 0, Tenerife 0 (1-1); Valencia 1, Bilbao 0 (2-2). Semi-finals and final after World Cup.  
Switzerland: Servette 36, Lausanne 31, Ch. de Fonds 30, Grasshoppers 28, YB Bern 25, Luzern 25.  
Yugoslavia: Partizan 28, Red Star 24, Vojvodina 24, Dinamo 22, Sarajevo 21, Hajduk 21.

WORLD RESULT  
Tottenham Hotspur 3, Burnley 1  
English Cup Final, London, May 5.

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## ON THE STATE LEAGUE

By DUNCAN McDUGALL

OUT IN THE Melbourne environs, where all the best games are played, the result of this week's round, if all goes to form, should set up an interesting position in the State League.

Of the four matches listed, my do-it-yourself selection method predicts home wins to three clubs, with Moreland the odd man out.

Four of the five top teams killing each other off could leave the door open for Wertheim, Polonia or even Croatia to take a seat at the top four table.

### SLAVIA v MELBOURNE

Last week's results left both teams in the same league position and still in the bottom four, with the separation of a single point.

Slavia's defence is far superior to that of the Hungarians, a fact that will clinch the points for the Port Melbourne team this week.

Very few forward lines, such as Slavia's, get such an overall consistent supply line of reasonable passes, and yet make such an atrocious finishing job with their ill-timed shooting.

Billy Cook, with his erratic displays, is not the best of centres, but when in the first team, at least you know he's around, an attitude that requires defensive vigilance.

Haasz was last year's sharpshooter, but either he too has lost confidence or else thinks all he has to do is hit the ball and it's a goal.

Angstenberger is the forward's live wire, but even his smart dummies are wasted on left-winger David, who was all out of position when the act was on.

Slavia will relish Melbourne's neat style of play, as Berry and Co. thrive on breaking up close rank attacks, with the play being carried to them all the time.

Finesse of all description should be forgotten by Melbourne in this game, especially the mid-field pretty stuff that goes astray just short of the goal.

There doesn't appear to be anyone in the team capable of altering — by example — their stereo-

typed play to suit the conditions or combat the superior tactics of the opposition.

It's a creditable aim to play good football, although sometimes hopeless target, in face of the opposition's more direct, even if sometimes cruder, methods of taking the goals and so the points. Jacky Garrett as an inside-forward — Brighton was a prolific scorer, and a shift to the forward line might make all the difference. Even if his presence is missed at wing-half, his more streamlined methods at inside would offset any loss in production.

Unless Melbourne change style — a close win to Slavia.

### POLONIA x LIONS

Polonia will have no trouble winning this game at the speedway. But by what degree of difficulty they manage it will be entirely up to themselves.

Six goals bumped into their net during the last two matches, was, up to this season, an unusual occurrence for the Polish side.

The loss of star players has affected the all-round play and unbalanced the side. But apart from that, the complete lack of reserve power is making itself more apparent each week. The fact that Capobus, although an always reliable veteran, was brought on as a replacement last week indicates a shortage of first team reserves, as their position in that league shows.

The experienced captaincy of Janczyk is sadly missed from the half-line, where goalkeeper Gronowski's water polo throws, by way of clearances, to the wing-halves would not have met with approval.

R. Gronowski has shown much improved form and with Rueter forms the best duo in the Polish attack.

Between them they should cause enough trouble in the Lions' defence to allow someone the chance of scoring much needed goals.

## MORELAND ... SO DEEP IN THE DOLDRUMS

There is little that can be said by way of criticism or constructive suggestion to a Moreland team so deep in the doldrums.

The consolation they can take on the field with them this week is the fact that at least against this "new" J.U.S.T., whatever standard of soccer they can produce, Moreland will be allowed to play it unhindered by this happy Yugoslav eleven.

Frank Micic obviously enjoys each minute of the games, win or lose, and this commendable disease seems to have contagiously spread to his team-mates.

Although only two points to the rear of the leaders, the Yugoslavs are not the force they may believe themselves to be, and last week against a mediocre Slavia, three struggling goals was a flattering result.

There is ample scope for all-round improvement. The J.U.S.T. deficiencies will be less obvious with Moreland in opposition, but it's high time Morrison was included in the line-up, even if only to clear up these goalmouth misunderstandings, which one week will be costly.

There can be little hope for Moreland even with J.U.S.T. at their worst, which could be quite possible.

Marinovic is too elusive and speedy for Moreland's backs, and with Vollman gaining form as he loses weight, his combining with newcomer Jan Der Poel will account for the goals eventually.

J.U.S.T. to win, but with their usual struggle when playing a lower bracket side.

### WILHELMINA v CROAT

This week's top of the bill on the suburban "circuit" will be the clash of the "middle class" teams Wilhelmina and Croatia on the "little Holland half-acre", Ringwood.

Whatever excuses visiting teams proffer for defeat on this first class addition to Victorian soccer, none of them, I hope, will be unreasonable enough to blame the ground.

With a playing surface superior to that of Olympic Park, the conditions should be ideal for this new Croat combination to exploit their obvious preference for a mid-Euro-

Three weeks ago, Hellas was down in eighth place with a ladder reading of 3-1-0-2-5-5-2.

After scoring 12 goals and conceding two against Croatia, Polonia, and Hakoah in successive weeks, Hellas is now in second place with the impressive reading of 6-4-0-2-17-7-8.

In the first half last Saturday, nearly 7000 fans saw even play with the scoreboard showing 1-1 at half time.

The fourth fullback was

effective on both sides, with Hartley "spoiling" Margarites and Teremides smothering Villers.

But in the 15th minute, Thomas received a pass from Hartley near the half-way line, and beat Mantarakes and Penzo with an angled shot that was helped in by the left upright.

Soon after, Smith square-passed for Hatzeletheriou to blast in the equaliser from 12 yards when he beat Mannerling to the ball.

Hakoah centre-forward Villers dropped back to midfield after the interval to get more room, and Thomas moved towards the centre, leaving Haynes on the right wing.

### No Understanding

But lack of understanding in Hakoah's attack, plus hard-hitting defence by Hellas, made Hakoah look anything but dangerous in the second period.

With 30 minutes to go, Hellas stepped up the pressure and was in Hakoah's half of the ground almost continuously until the end.

Only a packed and desperate defence by Hakoah kept the Greek side's score down, and the match looked like ending in a draw.

But with four minutes to go, Smith took a free-kick for Hellas 30 yards out on

pean style of "ball on the carpet" soccer. If Croatia adopt this close passing game, the Wilhelmina team will certainly not relish the move. Having the play carried right up to their doorstep, without an opportunity to intercept a long inaccurate pass, could trouble the not-so-fast Wilhelmina rearguard.

Equal on points, there is only a fraction concerned between the goal averages, with the Dutchmen slightly ahead. However, to a newly promoted side a winning margin and two points at the game's end is more important than a well-balanced goal tally.

Croat are a determined, defensive team, and given an early goal hang on at all costs, and with all methods, to the advantage.

The eight goals Croatia have in the "against" column is somewhat deceptive of their real form, considering six of these goals were lost in one game at Middle Park with Hakoah. So two goals lost in the other five games, with a "shut-out" for the past fortnight, is a feature worthy of note to all opposition.

Wilhelmina gave a miserable display last week to only just beat a luckless Moreland. A performance that will not be confidence inspiring to any section of the team, particularly the forwards, where akin to other State league forward lines Wilhelmina lack a man with a decisive "boot" on him at the right moment.

Beerendonk can be a match-winner at times and it's puzzling why, when things are tough, this right-winger, who can really crack them, doesn't receive a "roving commission" for a goal-scoring trip.

De Bruckere, if played, will not find this game to his liking. The Croat defence is rugged, and, if at centre-half, Slivar lets nothing pass, including the referee!

The Croat wing-halves are equal in ball play and distribution, with Sal outstanding, to that of the Dutch half-line, where Sterman provides tirelessly.

Up front Rau and Luck-nik are the "finishers-off", with the backing of Slivar's power laden shots, to assure Van Altens an occupied afternoon.

The final result will be close, with the outcome a draw or a narrowest of wins to the home team.

# HELLAS IS NOW THE BIG THREAT

By MORRIE BUCKNER

Sth. Melbourne-Hellas has shinned up to second place on the ladder after beating Hakoah at Olympic Park last Saturday, and is now "the big threat" to all the leaders.

the left side of the field. His drive struck a Hakoah defender, bounced high into the air, and lobbed in the goal square.

Again Hatzeletheriou beat Mannerling to the ball, and dived full stretch to head in the winning goal.

Best for Hellas: Kaligeros, Mantarakes, Pappadopoulos, Tsolakes and Margarites. Hakoah: Alexander, Adams, Woodward, Hartley and Thomas.



John Margarites, SM Hellas inside right, who is leading The Sporting Globe Soccer Award with 15 vote

## Soccer Weekly team

Here is the Soccer Weekly team chosen from State League sides. Selections are made from the best players as nominated by an independent panel of observers.

Players are chosen on a point system. Our panel may select as many as three players from one match or none. Players are chosen for their consistent form, high standard of play, conduct and team work. IN FACT, THE ALL-ROUND CLUB PLAYER IS THE MAN THAT IS WORTHY OF A POSITION IN THE SOCCER WEEKLY TEAM.

BARATJOS (Slavia 4pts)		
ALEXANDER (Hakoah 3pts)	MATHYSSEN (Wilhelmina 4pts)	GLENNIE (Slavia 4pts)
MCKENNA (Geo. Cross 3pts)	MICIC (J.U.S.T. 5pts)	BARBAZZA (Juventus 4pts)
MARGARITES (Hellas 5pts)	JURECKI (Polonia 4pts)	BONG (Wilhelmina 2pts)
VELLA (Geo. Cross 3pts)	Other players who have scored points:—	
Berry, Haasz (Slavia), Azzopardi, Burns (Moreland), Muth (Lions), Radek (J.U.S.T.), Kenny, Frangioni (Juventus), Cepel-land, Falzon (George Cross), Gronowski, Duden (Polonia), Karpouzas (Hellas), Becsi, Fekete (Melbourne), Slivar, Rau (Croat), Vliegals, Van Altens (Wilhelmina), Villers, Thomas (Hakoah).		

## JUVENTUS FACE A TOUGH PARK DUEL

After an impressive win over Polonia last week, a confident Juventus will tangle with Hakoah at Olympic Park on Sunday writes Morrie Buckner.

For years Juventus has found Hakoah a tough nut to crack, but unless the Blues' attack improves on last week's showing against Hellas the Zebras should win.

Hakoah is badly in need of an enterprising, chance-taking centre-forward.

Villers, Haynes, Thomas, Forsyth and McQuillan (who was absent last week) all need room to manoeuvre. They are good at bringing the ball forward and making chances.

Some of them are also adept at scoring from long shots at goal. But they don't often get the chance for accurate snapshots when they are being closely marked by top-class defenders.

And Juventus has good defenders — four goals conceded in six matches is sufficient evidence of that.

Frangione is still Frangione — enough said! And Bukkos at left back is one of the soundest defenders in the State League.

Then there's that human Sherman tank at right back, Wally Patterson!

Barbazza's injured wrist may have improved enough by Sunday to get him back into the side, and young Rajenkowski, who starred against Polonia, may be given another chance in the forward-line.

Hakoah's four fullback

defence is powerful and effective, but Dal Mannerling in goal is still inclined to take risks for a 'keeper whose size and weight prevent him from being very fast off the mark. But Hakoah's main problems lie in its attack. If solves them, this match could go either way. If no Juventus will get the point

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# Metropolitan round-up

Clubs are invited to phone "Onlooker", XF 6139, every Saturday between 6.30 and 10.00 p.m.

All soccer fans will join me in wishing Makedonia's centre-half Vlado Prokop a speedy recovery. He was seriously injured in the Fitzroy explosion. Recover soon, Vlado, as your team is missing your excellent play.

University claim the youngest president in Victorian soccer. Mike Tausig, who is only 21. Mike is definitely the youngest at University.

Bayswater have lost the services of first team player Egon Klauss. Egon suffered a severe knee injury and may have an operation on his cartilage.

Yet another junior is prominent in the ranks of a senior club. He is Jim Faulkner, who is displaying dashing form at right-half for the Coburg seniors team. It certainly pays to foster juniors.

Heidelberg's improved showing this year is due mainly to the form of old regulars, young players and three new boys who have helped in key positions. Players who transferred to the club this year are Sandy Czipezer, (Sydney), Brian Ridewood (England) and Peter Colburn, from Second Division club Fairfield.

Bill Clements, Publicity Officer of Coburg, reports that his reserve team has not settled down yet. Coburg have been trying out many new players. This team will give an even more impressive account of itself when it forms a settled combination.

Sandringham suffered a severe loss recently when promising first team winger Russ Lakeman was transferred from Point Cook to the RAAF at Wagga Wagga. Lakeman had been starring for Sandringham and had scored many good goals.

University welcome back Frank Hohmann to the forward line after being out for two weeks due to suspension. Frank's constructive, attack in play at centre-forward has been missed.

Two players in the Brighton Reserve team were cautioned by the referee at Yallourn. One, the club secretary, and the other a committee man.

Walter Lamparter, a German boy from T.S.V. Kornioi Stuttgart, joined Heidelberg last season. He plays centre-half.

Andy McNeil is one of the veterans of Heidelberg, first playing in 1955. This Scottish player has represented Scotland in the Amateur International. Played for West Scotland Amateurs before joining Concord, Sydney.

Alan Roberts joined Heidelberg in 1961 from Gladstone-Ryde, Sydney. Played two seasons of rugby with Harlequins, Melbourne. He is an Englishman who has taken the social side of the club seriously. He is a vigorous half-back.

Ex Danish player Bob Jorgensen, Croat coach, became an Australian citizen in a ceremony at the Coburg Town Hall last week.

If you belong to a Metropolitan club and you want publicity, the number to ring every SATURDAY NIGHT between 6.30 and 9.30 is XF 6139. Make a note of it. Any piece of news about your club will be welcome.

Croat goalie Ico Djukic is in brilliant form, having let only two goals pass him in five games.

# MET. LEAGUES HAVE IMPROVED

By ONLOOKER

At this stage of the season we can look back and review the Federation's move to enlarge the leagues.

In all leagues there's evidence of great improvement shown by all clubs, and there's not much difference between the standard of the top and the bottom teams.

After watching State League games and Metropolitan games, I have come to the conclusion that the State League has dropped slightly in standard, while the Metropolitan standard has just about made up the leeway between the two divisions.

**FIRST NORTH**  
Last week's most significant results were Box Hill's 2-0 win over Heidelberg, Croatia's continued run of success, Moonee Ponds' surprise win over Alexander and Sunshine City's and Maccabi's continued improvement.

Alexander must be disappointing their supporters, for over the past two weeks they have been beaten and Sicilia and Collingwood will have to strengthen their teams or they'll be travelling on a one-way ticket to the Second North.

Saturday's round looks a very interesting one. Box Hill entertain University at Wembley Park and on their home ground the Hillmen, with White and Rae playing well in defence, should score over University.

The most exciting game could be between Moonee Ponds and Croatia at the "Swampies" ground. Moonee Ponds will really test Croatia if the conditions are heavy going.

Florentina and Maccabi meet and from this game we should be able to draw some indication of how much Maccabi have improved under coach Bill Westerveld. The hard hitting Italians should win.

Sunshine travel down the coast to meet Corio and the home team, much under-rated by me, should win.

I would like to pick Collingwood to win their first match of the season by beating Heidelberg at home, but I can't see this happening.

In the other match Alexander should return to the winning list against Sicilia.

**FIRST SOUTH**  
Ferntree Gully's defeat by Richmond and Austria's defeat by Dandenong have allowed Sandringham, who beat Geelong 3-0, to move into second place on the ladder.

Dandenong have continued their tremendous improvement and have rapidly moved into sixth place on the ladder. Brighton have also continued their climb, while Ferntree Gully have slipped badly in the last two matches.

In Saturday's round, the six leading teams play one another.

Austria meet Richmond, Ferntree Gully are at home to Sandringham,

and Brighton plays Dandenong.

Anything could happen in these games, but one thing is certain, top soccer will be produced.

Austria, who play Richmond, will have to shake themselves up if they are to win. Austria's coach Schwartz will need full support from his defence to keep the visitors out, but Richmond still have to pass goalkeeper Perkins, who is acknowledged the finest 'keeper in the First Division.

Disappointing Ferntree Gully meet Sandringham. The Gully boys will be playing their third hard match in a row against top teams, so probably they will be fit.

However, Sandringham's defence, which is the strongest in the division, has been beaten only on two occasions this year. On one of these days Richmond notched six goals. Gully will be hoping Sandy have another bad day, but I can't see this happening.

The Brighton-Dandenong match will be interesting. Dandenong, composed mainly of English and Scottish players, strengthened by two brilliant juniors, have slammed in nine goals in the past two weeks. Brighton will have to be at top strength to have a chance of at least gaining a draw.

In the other games, Oakleigh should be too good for Yallourn, Tri-

dent may overcome opposition from improving Makedonia and Bayswater will be too powerful for Geelong.

## SECOND NORTH

Coburg have opened up a three point lead in this division, leading Williamstown and ICI, each on nine points.

Interest now centres on the team likely to gain second place on the ladder and to accompany Coburg up into the First North.

Williamstown and ICI, although playing away from home against Essendon and St Albans respectively, should win to keep their chances high.

In the other games N/Olympia, Libertas, Fairfield and Coburg should all win.

WWF and Seymour will have to improve considerably before they can move away from the bottom of the ladder.

## SECOND SOUTH

Kensington's defeat of Triestina has plummeted them from second place to fourth on the ladder, but they are still in the promotion hunt, together with Kensington, Ringwood and Park Rangers.

All four teams look capable of winning and therefore the promotion battle will still not be clarified.

In this division, Ringwood, Park Rangers, South Yarra, Kensington, Triestina, and FND should win.

## YOUR MATCH REPORTS

**SANDRINGHAM-GEELONG**  
In a fast, open game, Sandringham's solid teamwork easily accounted for the long kicking Geelong team after an even first half.

During this half both sides showed good attacking soccer, but in the second the Geelong boys lost their heads and the capable referee was kept busy. After 70 minutes Geelong's centre-forward Mark kicked the ball far out of the ground and walked off. Shortly afterwards Geelong's Fionette, who had been previously cautioned, was sent off for kicking Greenhill.

After the match the referee reported each player for allegedly insulting him. With only nine men, Geelong did well to keep Sandringham's attack down to three goals, but credit must be given to Geelong's English goalkeeper Torney, who did an excellent job.

Goalscorers - Sandringham: Betts 2 and Bell. Best players - Sandringham: Reid, Betts, Bell. Geelong: Torney and Murray.

**DANDENONG-AUSTRIA**  
Dandenong scored two goals in the first 20 minutes, and their third goal came in the second half when an Austrian defender mis-kicked the ball into his own goal.

After 36 minutes of the second half Austria scored their first goal when Neef went forward receiving a pass from his captain Schwarz. Dandenong immediately replied with a goal. It was a hard and fast but fair match, and the referee did a good job.

Best players for Austria: Hess, Neef and Stamph.

**UNIVERSITY - CORIO**  
Corio scored two goals in the first half, both by their inside forwards. At 60 minutes, Nettleton (University) scored, but Corio went on with the job and scored twice more. At the 70 minute University centre-forward Mike Tausig was carried off the ground injured and the referee ordered off the Corio right-back. Best for University: Cortis and Ellinghaus.

**FAIRFIELD - COBURG**

Fairfield put up the best showing of any team against the Second North leaders this season. After 10 minutes Paramount scored for Coburg, and was unlikely not to score minutes later with a fine 20-yard kick.

Towards the end of the first, Coburg were awarded a penalty. C. Early made no mistake. In the second, Fairfield's hard-tackling and determined play prevented Coburg building up a big score, but F. Loughran and Norm Miller scored to give Coburg their fifth goal for the season.

**MAKEDONIA-OAKLEIGH**  
A large crowd watched this match and they were kept excited by the fast moving game. Oakleigh scored first in the eighth minute when centre-forward Gino slammed in a hard shot.

After 26 minutes, Makedonia equalised when inside-right Nick Vourmozos scored. Honors go to both goalies for keeping the score down and playing superbly, while referee Alexander kept excellent control over a hard fought game.

**CROATIA-FLORENTINA**  
In this game neither side had scored at half-time. First goal came in the 57th minute when Stasch cleverly juggled the ball over his head and slammed it past the goalkeeper. Croatia scored again when Vojtek dribbled his way past two defenders and scored. Best players: Zemonik, V. Vojtek and Stasch.

**MANCHESTER** United's Matt Busby has made a £120,000 offer to Italian club Torino for Scottish inside-forward Denis Law. The United's near neighbors, Manchester City, have also offered a figure nearing £20,000 for former Hibernian centre Joe Baker, also of Torino.

## SHALL WE DANCE?

Makedonia will be holding a dance in the Fitzroy Town Hall on May 13. The club extends an invitation to all. Dance starts at 7.30 p.m.

On Friday, May 18, Austria Soccer Club will hold their "Heurigan Festival". This festival is held annually in Austria, at the time when the grapes have been harvested. (Heurigan means "This Year".)

Two of the many guest artists appearing are Inge and Robert Skiwa, who are singers and musicians. Their particular brand of music, "Heurigan Leader", is typical of all music played in the traditional inns which abound in Austria.

At this festival wine will be drunk and songs will be sung. Arrangements have been made to provide breakfasts for the many friends who are expected to remain throughout the night.

Mr Iwald Eugen said that the festival can be held at any time and is important in the soccer club as it helps to bring players and friends together in a spirit of comradeship.

Croatia plan a dance on Saturday, May 19. All soccer players are invited to the Kensington Town Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

On May 19, Sandringham will be holding their first dance for the year at the Memorial Hall, Waltham Street, Sandringham, at 7.30 p.m.

A six-piece band will entertain, a liquor licence has been granted, and for 7/6 supporters should have an enjoyable night. All welcome.

## Award from Gilbey's Gin

Federation officials attended a special function last week to receive another handsome trophy donated by a leading Australian company.

The company is Gilbey's Gin, and the trophy is a huge cup inscribed for the "best and fairest" player in the State League.

Gilbey's Gin directors have received Sporting Globe editor Mr Geoff Hawkesley's permission to base the voting for the trophy on the soccer writers' nominations of players that appear in the Sporting Globe each week.

Managing director of Gilbey's, Mr H. Crosby Hucks, in handing the trophy to Federation president Mr Harry Dockerty and chairman Mr Theo Marmaris, said, "We are proud to be able to support a growing sport here in Melbourne, a sport that is making progress in every capital city in all States throughout Australia."

The Gilbey's trophy will be awarded annually, with a smaller replica given to the winner.

## Want a game?

Frankston juniors want friendly matches on Saturday, May 19. Their Under 12 A and B have no games. Ernie Loveday asks all interested clubs to contact him at 8 Wynstay Road, Seaford.

## UNIVERSITY SIDE

University have selected the following teams to travel to Queensland for the annual Australian Inter-Varsity Championships: P. Aldred, P. Borg, F. and A. Ellinghaus, P. Williams, Z. Zehrowski, R. Speight, C. Palling, C. Mann, F. Hermann, G. Pritchard, H. Brown, A. Forsyth, D. Tattersall and Chann. The team will leave Saturday week. They will play against teams representing Brisbane, Armidale, Sydney, NSW (Tech.), Canberra, Adelaide and possibly Tasmania and Monash University.

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# SOCCER MAN'S DIARY 27

By DON SUTHERLAND



THE SUBJECT OF whether T.V. stations should be permitted to televise soccer matches has frequently been the subject of considerable discussion by State League clubs recently. A.B.V. Channel 2, good friends of soccer, have been granted permission to televise the game Juventus v George Cross at Olympic Park on Saturday week, May 19, and this experiment will be closely watched to see what, if any, effect this should have on attendances.

The publicity value to be gained from "live" telecasting of important Soccer matches would be tremendous for the sport as a whole. However, in the short-term the effect on the home team's "gate" could be considerable and this factor will have to be carefully considered. It seems reasonable to assume that if the regular telecasting of soccer were to provide good entertainment for many thousands of viewers, as it surely would, then the T.V. stations allowed to telecast a game should pay a reasonable fee for the privilege, which would give compensation to the "home" club concerned for any loss in gate receipts which it might suffer.

ONE ASPECT which will bear consideration is that if games were televised on Saturdays, and if frequent references were made during the telecast to the game of the day to be played on the Sunday, then this should certainly increase Sunday attendances to a considerable degree. Such an increase in Sunday "gates" may well justify the creation of a percentage of Sunday "gates" to be placed in a "pool" for the purpose of compensating clubs being featured on the Saturdays. At this juncture, it is probably sufficient to summarise by saying that the regular telecasting of soccer would be a tremendous boost to the game in general, but that many factors must be considered and ironed out before this could become reality.

MY RECENT reference to the forthcoming meeting of Metropolitan League clubs drew comment from a well-respected and long-standing writer for soccer, Lt-Commander Jack Belbin, popular secretary of Flinders Naval Depot soccer teams. In case Mr Belbin was not the F.N.D. delegate at the meeting of metropolitan league clubs called by the Federation at the Federal Hotel on January 25, at which the present Metropolitan League members were elected to the then Committee of Management, I will briefly outline the proceedings. In response to a query, which I believe came from Mr Barclay, of F.N.D., the meeting was asked whether the members were to be elected temporarily or for the full season. The meeting voted firmly in favor of full-term appointments, but as chairman of the section of the meeting I did express my personal opinion that whilst the election would take place on a full-term basis, it would be both reasonable and sensible to place the whole election before a full meeting of all metropolitan league clubs at a later date, if full unity were subsequently achieved. This meeting is now to be held and all clubs can be assured that proper election will be held without pressure or "manoeuvres". The recent dispute should be put behind us and we must press forward with mutual trust and co-operation. I fully agree with Mr Belbin that the election of the Metropolitan League Management Committee must also take place without delay and that thought must be given to the widest possible representations on this committee, which should hold meetings at regular intervals.

ONE OF THE disappointing features of the current season is the fact that none of the Geelong teams in the metropolitan competition has emerged as a possible contender for promotion to the State League. Geelong, the largest provincial city in Victoria, should be capable of producing a top-class soccer team and the sport would benefit from a broadening of its interests. Croatia, who now lead the 1st Division North, formerly played in Geelong, but their transfer to Melbourne, where they are sharing the ground at Maribyrnong Speedway with Polonia, has left a big gap. A most unfortunate result of Croatia's move to Melbourne is that all the remaining Geelong clubs, namely Geelong, Corio, Bell Park and Geelong Scottish, are all drawn away one week and all home the next. Soccer followers in Geelong thus can see only one of these clubs every second week and the local support must be divided between them on their "home" days. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to change the fixture positions until next season.

A POPULAR FIGURE in State League circles, Mr Jim Demetrie, of South Melbourne-Hellas, is going overseas this week. As his club's delegate to Council, Jim Demetrie has always been outspoken in the cause of justice and his colorful personality will be missed in Council circles while he is overseas. The State League Management Committee, through its chairman, Mr Michael Weinstein, made a presentation of a travelling case to Mr Demetrie at the last council meeting as a token of their respect and good wishes for a safe and enjoyable trip — we are all pleased to join with them in saying "Au revoir."

FURTHER to THE promise made earlier that Metropolitan League clubs would be given the opportunity of playing curtain-raisers at Olympic Park on Sundays, the Federation Council recently instructed the Fixtures Committee to arrange such matches as from and including Sunday, May 13. This forward-move will mean greater publicity for metropolitan clubs and the chance for their players to earn the glamor of playing at Olympic Park before a reasonable crowd — at least in the second half! The Fixtures Committee will choose the best games possible and the clubs concerned will be obliged to abide by this committee's decision. Whilst there will be no direct financial payment made to the competing metropolitan clubs a percentage of the gate will be placed in the "pool" which is to be distributed to all Metropolitan clubs at the end of the season. From Sunday, May 13, the bill at Olympic Park will now be a double-header with two important premiership matches being played, with considerable added attraction to spectators.

GOALKEEPER B. Gross, of Polonia, badly injured his knee when training with the State squad in January, prior to the interstate game against N.S.W., which was played under lights at South Melbourne. As a result of the injury, Gross was off work for two weeks and his knee failed to stand up to pre-season training, with the result that an operation was performed. Gross has since made good progress and, according to popular Polonia secretary Henry Dressler, he will soon be training again with Polonia. With recent injuries to other star players like Zeintara and Jurecki, Polonia have been going through a difficult period, but they must surely now be due for an injury-free period.

RECENT NEGOTIATIONS between Federation and Association clubs in Adelaide are at last bearing fruit and terms for reconciliation between the two groups are nearing finalisation. Victorian chairman Mr Theo Marmaras has made two recent visits to Adelaide at the request of Australian Federation secretary Mr Bob Clark, and his mediation has been a vital factor in the successful progress of the negotiations. It thus appears that we are gradually moving towards a restoration of unity throughout Australia which, when accomplished, will allow us to plan the future expansion of soccer as a premier sport throughout Australia.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: With reference to publicity, I believe we will gain more friends for soccer with a drop of honey than we will with a gallon of gall — we need not stoop to conquer!

## Colla collared 'em

Colla, Juventus' third choice goalkeeper, played the game of his life on Saturday against Polonia.

Called in at the last moment to replace Martin Beurcht, he turned in a brilliant display and was largely responsible for Juventus winning the points.

Colla almost signed for Box Hill at the beginning of the season.

Box Hill wanted him as a permanent replacement

for Beurcht, who had left the Hillmen for Juventus.

But Colla decided to stay with Juventus, and after last week's display, Beurcht will have to fight hard to regain his place.

## Another player for Hakoah!

Mrs Irene Thomas, wife of Hakoah winger Syd Thomas, has given birth to a 9-lb boy.

# CENTRE-HALF IS SACKED!

## MATCH POINTS

The Moonee Ponds v. Alexander game was abandoned by the referee last Saturday with the home team winning 1-0. The referee was allegedly attacked in the 78th minute by players. Alexander committee on Sunday night suspended their centre-half. Action is pending against another player. The Disciplinary Committee will deal with several players named in the referee's report at tonight's meeting.

Winner of the Soccer Half Hour quiz on 3KZ at 6.15 last Saturday evening was Mr Rudliaski, of 670 Malvern Road, Prahran. He received Tatts ticket number 106182 in Draw No. 1187.

Juventus goalkeeper Martin Beurcht was not between the sticks when the Zebras played Polonia last Saturday. Juventus officials said he was sick with influenza. Our spies said he wasn't. There could be more in this than meets the eye!

Morrie Buckner, our Associate Editor, has been criticised on several occasions for not selecting certain "best players on the field" in various matches. He says that, even where a player has been of particular use to his side in a match, he will not get a mention in his list of "best players" if he indulges in silly, spiteful play in an otherwise good performance.

The Referees' Association claims that it is short of good referees. Well, to put a man of Luigi Cadelli's calibre on as a linesman on a Saturday, soccer's busy day, certainly can't help to solve their problems.

It's time that soccer commentators checked up on their facts. Frank Barbazza has an injured wrist, NOT a chipped collarbone. And Edmund Zeintara did NOT arrive at Olympic Park in that helicopter. He was on the field waiting for a pretty girl to arrive by air to present him with flowers, a greeting — and a big kiss!

Police last Saturday were investigating theories that two people were murdered to obtain FA Cup final tickets in England. The theory that Albert "Buster" Crabbe, who was found dead in a

burnt out store at Grays, Essex, was murdered for this reason was first advanced by a friend of Crabbe's. We heard reports that 50/- tickets for the final were being sold for £50 over there, but MURDER... well that's too much!

TRUTH reporters "covered" the J.U.S.T. v. Slavia State League match last Saturday. Wonder if they're going to continue the "VFL War on Soccer" nonsense!

To bring the Wilhelm and Slavia clubs in line with other State League clubs in the table, why not play that April 21 match as a curtain raiser at Olympic Park on a Sunday?

Soccer Weekly reporter Duncan McDougall has been appointed an independent member of the Disciplinary Committee.

North Sunshine Junior Soccer Club hold an international dance at Lower Melbourne Town Hall on Saturday, June 2. Every club is invited to enter a girl in their "Princess of Junior Soccer" competition which they are organising at the dance. From the proceeds a donation will be given to the "Yooralla" appeal for crippled children. Contact Don Joiner (28-5309) for information.

Confusion reigned in the Olympic Park press room last weekend when a team-sheet listing players of a certain club was handed to the boys. No less than six positions were switched by the team before they took the field and no club official had the incentive to notify the Press. Officials should be more co-operative with the Press when making last-minute changes.

## BE BRIEF

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## The Pick of the Post

# "GIVE US A FAIR GO ON TELLY"

We have received many letter this week on the subject of Alex Barr on the GIV9 Tony Charlton Show.

"To be or not to be" has been the trend of all correspondence.

But as our letters have been written by soccer people all have been 100 per cent. for more soccer and less Rules on this show.

Here is one of the letters:

"IR.—As a viewer of the Tony Charlton Show on Sunday I was shocked with the remark made by Mr. Barr to Alex Barr when he requested extra time for soccer.

Mr. Barr, I'm sure, could be delighted to accept an invitation to broadcast from other channels on behalf of soccer as we know there are many people who appreciate this sport as well as Rules.

Mr. Charlton may well refuse to buy either the

ate him now to obtain soccer scores would not bother to view his program if he did not provide this service.

—David Potamidis, Denmark Street, Kew.

SIR.—At the risk of being ridiculed, I am going to make suggestions to try to get more publicity for soccer as I feel something strong must be organised.

Yes, I appreciate what is being done and I am also aware of some of the difficulties, having been battling in a modest way for 38 years in this country to foster soccer.

Some of the suggestions which I thought might be useful, although not denying they might have been thought of by others. I myself now refuse to buy either the

"Sun" or the "Herald", and if buyer resistance be organised on a large scale by those interested in soccer the game might get a better go from these two papers. Much could be done by clubs through their members or by regional committees.

I think "Soccer Weekly" is worth more than a shilling to soccer followers, but we are trying to get soccer over to those who do not follow the game, and these persons might be tempted to buy one if they were cheaper.

I would suggest certain slogans phrased so that juniors themselves can counter the many Australian Rules can put over.

The soccer administration could get cheap label buttons for the boys to wear in their coats, one with just a soccer ball on it would identify them as soccer players. Clubs could buy them to distribute to their juniors.

I suppose there are many more ideas, but something will have to be done or Australian Rules will crush soccer.

—W. BOWMAN, 24 Hyde St, Deer Park.

SIR.—We are under-12 players of J.U.S.T. and we are disappointed because there are no junior ladders in the Soccer Weekly.

Could you please publish all junior ladders in future? —Milos Simic, Miroslav, Kupinic and Hazik Piorowski.

● Your request is granted. See page 7. —Editor.

SIR.—I would like to congratulate the new administration of the Victorian Soccer Federation for carrying out most of the promises which were given to metropolitan clubs during the "Soccer War" in Victoria.

Congratulations to the editor and staff of the official magazine of Victoria "Soccer Weekly", which is one of the best for its content for every soccer lover and soccer fan.

The Victorian Soccer Federation, with its new administration and with the excellent publication "Soccer Weekly" is a great success, for the progress of the game and for the progress of Victorian Soccer in general.

Metropolitan clubs are progressing more than ever before, and they will be more happy if they see the big promise which was given to them at one of the "war" meetings:

"Curtain raisers at Olympic Park, on Sunday afternoon only and subject to ground conditions will be played by metropolitan clubs."

Please let the metropolitan clubs know when this big promise to them will start.

A. R. SMITH, 19 Keon Parade, Reservoir.

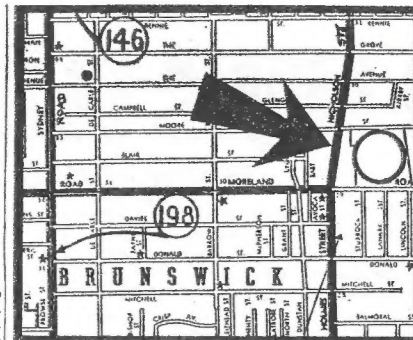
SIR.—Re letter in Soccer Weekly by John C. Risks (referee). I quite agree with him when he suggests that the rules of the game be published in Soccer Weekly, but I do not think he is right when he says a player is offside if he is in line.

How can a referee work as fine as that; you would have to use a tape measure to be correct; and that is impossible in soccer; you are not playing bowls.

I maintain the player must be distinctly nearer the goal line than the back before he is given offside.

A referee is only guessing if he tries to work so fine, and is the cause of a lot of bad decisions on the offside rule.

—John W. Jili, 22 Gray St, East Geelong.

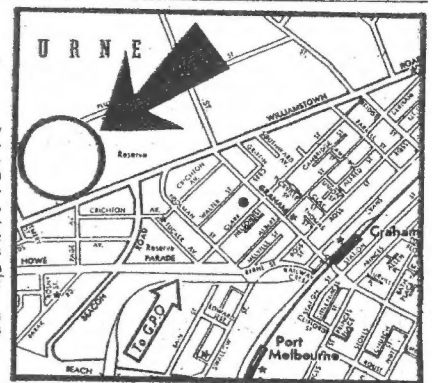


## MORELAND v J. U. S. T. CAMPBELL RESERVE, MORELAND ROAD, MORELAND

CARS: Lygon St and Holmes St to Moreland Rd then 100 yds east, or Sydney Rd to Moreland Rd, then half a mile, east. TRAMS: Moreland or east Coburg trams from Swanston St to Moreland Rd. TRAIN: To Moreland Station, then walk or take tram half a mile east on Moreland Rd.

## SLAVIA v Melbourne MURPHY RESERVE, PORT MELBOURNE

CARS: Take Normanby Rd from south end of Spencer St bridge to Port Melbourne Cricket ground, then proceed half a mile on Williamstown Rd to ground. From St. Kilda take Esplanade and Beaconsfield Parade into Beach Rd and Williamstown Rd. TRAIN: To Graham Station. BUSES: Garden City and Fishermen's Bend buses from Flinders St and Queens Bridge.

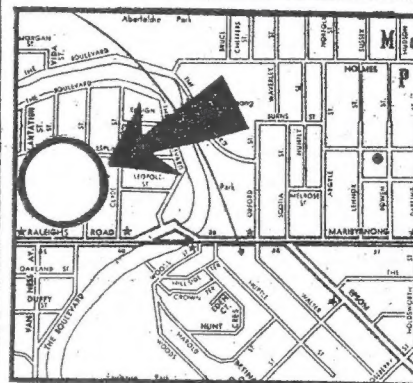


## POLONIA v Lions

TRACEY'S SPEDWAY, MARIBYRNONG

CARS: Take Epsom or Maribyrnong Roads, cross river into Raleigh Road and proceed four blocks.

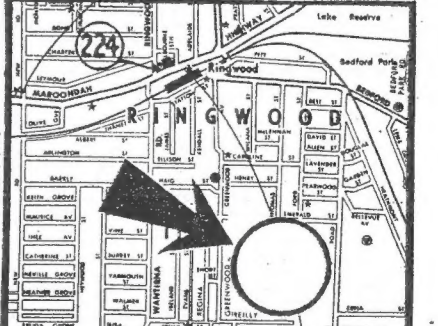
TRAMS: No. 57 from Elizabeth St to ground.



## WILHELMINA v Croat JUBILEE PARK, RINGWOOD

CARS: Take Canterbury Road and turn into Great Ryrie Road. Or take Whitehorse Road and Maroonah Highway to Ringwood clock tower, then turn under railway line into Greenwood Avenue.

TRAIN: To Ringwood, then walk across railway ramp and follow Greenwood Avenue.



## JUNIOR WINNING RUN HALTED

South Melbourne under-14's were held to a 1-1 draw by Melbourne. In the first five minutes Hamilton, in a solo effort, opened the scoring for South, writes Albert Merrills.

Melbourne then came into the game with little Mick Manson starting in the forward line.

In the second half, Melbourne equalised from a penalty converted by Soveny. Their best player was goalkeeper Horvath. Best for South: Davis, Kurta and goalie Mayer.

Hakoah under-18's beat Wilhelmina 3-0. First goal being scored in three minutes.

Against the run of play Francis scored Hakoah's second goal, and two minutes later G. Lianardos made it three.

Wilhelmina improved and they gave Hakoah's

goalie T. Lianardos some anxious moments but their luck was out. A penalty by Teeuw was well saved. Samadol was Wilhelmina's best forward.

A strong wind spoilt the keen, clean match between Sandringham City and South Melbourne under-16's.

Sandringham's team work was the key factor in their 2-0 win. South Melbourne, with a strong wind, attacked, but Van Der Helm, Percy and Madeley stopped Postkolous and Marinos, until McFarlane scored another opportunistic goal for Sandringham.

In the second half Sandringham failed to use the wind as Hellas showed a keen packed defence, until Zamamos broke through and beat four opponents. Sandringham best.

Mathews, Madeley and Van Der Helm.

In the under-14 section, Sunshine City beat J.U.S.T. 2-0. This was a one-sided game with Sunshine doing all the attacking, but lacking finish in front of goals.

Orlinski was placed at centre-forward position when injured and scored a good goal, Wright being the other scorer.

Sunshine best: J. Fenech, G. Sabo, Z. Nowak, J.U.S.T.: Popovic and Nikolic.

Mr M. Sowala, a junior referee from Ardeer, handled the game in a most competent manner.

East St Albans under-12 scored a 1-0 win over Ajax. The game was marred when Ajax player J. Haas sustained a dislocated shoulder in a collision

and had to be taken to Footscray Hospital.

The top two teams on the under-18 Zone A ladder, Trident and North Sunshine, were both beaten this week for the first time, but this does not alter their positions.

Olympia beat Trident 1-0 and Ardeer beat Nth Sunshine 2-1.

North Sunshine is organising an International Dance at the Lower Melbourne Town Hall on Saturday, June 2.

Every club is invited to enter a girl in their "Princess of Junior Soccer" competition. Clubs are urged to give their support to this function.

Information can be obtained from Mr C. Kobza, 19 Holehouse Street, Nth Sunshine, or Mr D. Joiner, secretary of the Junior Association.

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## INTERSTATE ROUND-UP

## Here are your Olympic Park games

Sunday, May 20: J.U.S.T. v Wilhelmina.

**Saturday, May 26: Moreland v S.M.-Hellas.**

**Sunday, May 27: Slavia v Juventus.**

For details how to get to the games see

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	P	W	D	L	F
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	5	3	2	0	27
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	6	3	0	3	23
	4	3	0	3	17
	5	2	1	2	6
ns	6	2	1	3	14
Banks	6	1	0	5	4
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UNDER-16 ZONE				
P		W	D	L
5	Springvale	4	0	33
7	Wilhelmina	4	0	24
4	Dandenong	2	0	2
3	Croydon	2	0	2
9	Box Hill	1	2	1
	Noble Pk.			
	Teach.	1	0	3
P	Moorabbin	1	0	3
8	Baywater	0	1	4

UNDER-16 ZONE				
P		W	D	L
1	Hakoah	3	0	27
1	St Albans	3	0	15
2	Slacks P.M.	3	0	11

5	S.M.-Hellas	2	10	9
3	Juventus	2	0	23
4	F'ksten "A"	1	1	2
0	Appendale	0	0	0
4	F'ksten "B"	0	0	4
<b>UNDER-18 ZONE</b>				
L		W		
P	Ajus	3	0	1
R	St. Athans	3	0	1
0	Juventus	3	0	1
6	Polonia Fk.	2	1	16
2	Essendon	2	0	2
2	Geelong	0	0	0
3	Sunshine City	0	1	3
2	Polonia	0	0	4
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<b>UNDER-18 ZONE</b>				
		W	D	
	Melbourne	4	0	9

6	P	Brighton	..	3	1	0	2
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1	P	Willemia	..	3	0	1	3
1	A	Rakon	..	1	2	1	1
20	P	Box Hill High	..	1	1	2	1
11	A	Aspendale	..	1	1	2	3
10	P	Dandenong	..	1	0	3	3
14	A	Wesley	Col.	0	0	4	3

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**WELL PLAYED**  
**RAJENKOWSKI**  
 SEVENTEEN - year old Rajenkowski

He scored a goal and led the line in great vigor.

He has only recently finished school, where coach was Rudi Vattena, the Wilhelmina keeper.

So indirectly the helmina club could have done their rivals a turn.

**HOTEL SOCIETY**  
Inter-Hotel Soccer Championship started on Sunday with four teams: Molinas, El Maximo and Junction.

Sunday results: Junction Molinas 2; Florentino 4, 2.

**SM-HELLAS T**  
South Melbourne-Hellas for Saturday's important against George Gips

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against  
ark on

pic Park will be: Pen-  
geros, Mantarakes, Pa-  
los, Xanthopoulos, Pa-  
Tsoulakes, Margarites,  
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**ZIELINSKI TO  
QUIT HOSPITAL**  
George Cross forward  
Horst Zielinski, who broke  
a leg while playing ex-  
tra time against Moreland, is  
expected to leave hospital to-  
day.

**TONY VELLA  
WITH LIONS**  
Tony Vella, former  
captain-coach of George  
Cross and Victoria left-  
half, is reported to have  
been transferred to Lions  
on Tuesday.  
He will be playing  
coach with Lions, and will  
take the field against  
Polonia at Maribyrnong  
on Saturday, officials say.

**SLAVIA IN  
TROUBLE**

It was reported on  
Tuesday that Slavia has  
again been hit by serious  
injuries. According to the  
report, both Bill Cook and  
Karl Angstenberger have  
bone breaks near the ankle  
in plaster casted to an-  
other knee that is left-  
winger. Kopa is trans-  
ferring to Alexander. It  
would appear that Slavia  
will be left with only two  
senior forwards, Haasa  
and Drda, when it meets  
Melbourne on Saturday.

**YOUR RESULTS**

State League results  
will be broadcast on 3AK  
at 4.45 p.m. and 5 p.m.,  
also on GTV9 after 5 p.m.  
on Saturdays.

# CASE OF THE MISSING GOALKEEPERS

Where were the seven regular goalkeepers of State  
League clubs Wilhelmina, Juventus, J.U.S.T., Moreland, George  
Cross and South Melbourne-Hellas last week-end?

They were: Van Al-  
tena, Beurcht, Vitti,  
Rosanic, Azzopardi,  
Hobson and Karpousas  
respectively, all well-  
known 'keepers to the  
regular fans.

Some were dropped by  
their team selectors, oth-  
ers failed to turn up for  
their games and the re-  
mainder were replaced by  
reserve goalies.

Azzopardi was dropped  
from Moreland's line-up,  
ex-Box Hill 'keeper Suttie  
took his place and reports  
say that Suttie did a good  
job.

George Karpousas, of  
Sth Melbourne-Hellas, al-

so was missing but he  
had a good excuse — he  
was getting married on  
Sunday.

Penzo played his part  
in Hellas' win over  
Hakoah.

Hobson, of George  
Cross, was due to arrive  
from Sydney, but a tele-  
gram late on Friday said  
he had to travel to  
Queensland.

Jim Davis, the former  
Hakoah and J.U.S.T. play-  
er, did everything ex-  
pected of him (except a  
penalty goal) in helping  
the Cross beat Melbourne  
5-1.

Juventus were nearly  
in trouble when Beurcht  
failed to show up for their  
home game against  
Polonia. A taxi was sent

for reserve goalie Vitti,  
but that player was home  
in bed with flu. Colla  
was outstanding for the  
Italians in their great  
win.

Van Altena, of Wilhel-  
mina, received a shoulder  
injury shortly after half-  
time against Moreland.  
Veteran Janssen replaced  
him to keep the Dutch  
goal intact.

Finally Rosanic, of  
J.U.S.T., was stricken with  
a bad bout of hay fever  
in the middle of their  
game against Slavia. He  
withdrew and was replaced  
by Jankovic, who carried  
on the good work of  
stopping Slavia.

All the clubs concerned  
breathed sighs of relief  
when their games were  
over.

## LOOK OUT FOR BILL VOJTEK!

Croatia Soccer Club are full of praise for  
young player Bill Vojtek, who has made the  
big step from under-18 junior to senior foot-  
ball in a few months.

Playing at inside-  
right, the club rate him  
as their biggest find  
from junior football in  
their history.

Croatia are leading  
the First Division  
North with an unde-  
feated record and they  
say that Vojtek is one  
of the reasons for their  
good goal scoring re-  
cord.

Vojtek is still going  
through the youthful  
stages of appearing  
tall and gangling in  
his physical build, but  
has shown on the field  
his feet and football  
brain are years ahead  
of his body by the way  
he shoots, traps and  
passes the ball to his  
team-mates.

Arriving from  
Europe five years ago,  
Vojtek played with the  
Essendon under-14's,  
then under-18's until  
last year.

He scored over 50  
goals for Essendon in  
one season, and repre-  
sented the Victorian



under-18 team four  
times.

Liked by his club  
mates for his bright  
personality and color-  
ful play, Vojtek is tip-  
ped to be a good play-  
er for the club for  
many years.

We wish him and  
Croatia every success  
for the future.

## FOCUS ON OPINION

**ALEX BARR** (Spotlight on Soccer, 3KZ, Friday at  
7.15): "Victoria is the State which must be superior  
in soccer because this is where it is needed most.  
With such strong Aussie Rules opposition as we  
have in Melbourne, our State side must be the  
best. We can't allow our State side to be weak."

**VIC MANSON**, Secretary Melbourne S.C.: "Now  
that our team has recovered from injuries we will  
start to consolidate. Just watch Melbourne during  
the next few weeks of the State League competi-  
tion."

**GEORGE CROSS REVIEW**: "If you want to criticise  
do so by all means, but be constructive in your  
criticism, that is, of course, if you are proud to be  
a George Cross follower."

**VIC OLIVER**, world-famous stage and TV star: "The  
names of hundreds of footballers appear on the  
'tree lists' of the English and Scottish clubs at  
the end of every season. I am sure that, if their passage  
to Australia was arranged and jobs guaranteed,  
dozens of good footballers of Second Division  
grade, and even First Division Reserve standard,  
would be happy to come to Melbourne. They could  
be of great help in lifting the standard of Victorian  
football."

**MORRIE BUCKNER**, Sun soccer writer: "The  
secrecy in the Argus Best-and-Fairest Medal set-up  
neither helps the sport on the field, nor does it get  
for soccer the extra paragraphs of publicity that the  
competition could get and which the game needs so  
badly. With all the players trying hard to increase  
their published points, they play the game cleaner  
and better — we had plenty of evidence of that a  
few years ago when progress points of the Argus  
Medal voting were made public every week.  
"Victoria can do two things to match Sydney's  
wonderful prize of a motor car for its Best-and-  
Fairest Player. First, let's cut out the secrecy  
connected with the Argus Medal. Secondly, let's  
organise a worthwhile prize for the winner in  
addition to the medal — how about a trip to  
Europe? — one that will make the players strive  
as hard as they can to play cleaner and better  
football."

**B. BOSMANS**, 9 Heatherton Rd., Clayton:  
Congratulations to 3KZ for their new soccer sessions  
— "Spotlight on Soccer" Friday evenings and  
"Soccer Half Hour" on Saturday evenings.  
Thanks very much for these well conducted pro-  
grams.  
Stuart Beaton and Jim Cook have a very interesting  
half hour and handle it with great skill.  
Fred Villiers, Morrie Buckner and Stan Stacey are  
doing a very fine job and a popular one. The results  
given by Stan Stacey last Saturday were excellent.  
Clear, straight and pleasantly voiced. Much better  
than all his predecessors in other programs last  
year. Tuning in now more often to 3KZ means a  
lot more pleasure and satisfaction.

## Vic Oliver at the Park

Vic Oliver, the world-  
famous comedian, musi-  
cian, TV and stage star,  
was a guest of the Victo-  
rian Soccer Federation  
at Olympic Park last Sun-  
day.

He was accompanied by  
his stage assistant, Miss  
Vanda Vale.

They have been invited  
to come again on Sunday  
by Hakoah, who will be  
playing a "home" game  
at the Park against  
Juventus.

Mr Oliver is vice-presi-  
dent of the Brentford  
Football Club in England.  
He has been connected

with the club for the past  
23 years.

He was born in Vienna,  
played soccer in his  
teens, and was selected as  
an under-17 international.  
He forsook football for  
tennis and music, and be-  
came a first-class violinist  
and orchestra leader.  
Later still, he turned to  
acting, then comedy, on  
radio and the stage.

For years, Mr Oliver  
was the star and produc-  
er of one of England's  
most successful TV shows.

He is here on a "busi-  
ness-holiday" during  
which he will make sever-  
al TV and floor-show ap-  
pearances.

## MATTHEWS FLIES IN — AND OUT!

From Our Special  
Correspondent

**LONDON, Tuesday.**—  
Stanley Matthews left  
England for Israel, where  
he'll play four games for  
the Tel Aviv club Mac-  
cabi.

Matthews returned last  
week from Bermuda,  
where he played and  
managed a Gloucester-  
shire team.

Two Canadian club  
officials flew to London  
two days ago to try to  
persuade the League  
Management Committee  
to allow professionals to  
join their clubs during  
the English summer re-  
cess.

The officials were told  
that a ban was imposed  
by FIFA on temporary  
transfers and that the  
league was bound to en-  
force it.

So it was very costly  
and a wasted trip for the  
Canadians, who returned  
home empty handed.

This was the price the  
Canadians had to pay  
for the privilege of being  
a member of FIFA.

It could never have  
happened to Australians  
as they are no longer  
members of the interna-  
tional body. Aussies do  
not ask permission for  
anything, instead, they  
take action to suit their  
requirements.

When I asked an in-  
fluential English official  
if there is a hope of  
FIFA lifting the ban on  
Australia, he said: "Aus-  
tralians are better off  
outside FIFA."

Before leaving for Is-  
rael, Matthews resigned  
for Stoke at an increased  
basic wage.

I tried to get Stanley  
by telephone several  
times but the same old  
voice kept telling me the  
same old thing — "Mr  
Matthews is away for the  
week and should be back  
next week."

I wonder if next week  
will ever come!

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